

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to continuing examination of the present application.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-7, 9-17 and 20-30 are now pending in this application.

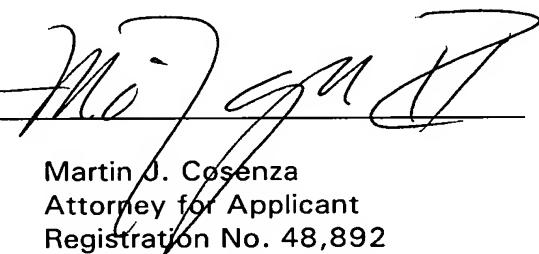
Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Examiner Huynh is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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